

exercise the rights of civil corporations and all the powers which may assist it in realizing its object or help in the carrying out of its means of action or execution of its undertakings, provided that the annual value or revenue of the immoveables it may possess, apart from those which it may itself occupy for the requirements of the various establishments which it now has or may hereafter establish, shall not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for the principal establishment and fifteen thousand dollars for each branch; these powers being granted for the reasons set forth in the act 34 Victoria, chapter 53, as explained in the preamble and provisions of that statute. Proviso.

2. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. Coming into force.

C H A P. 137

An Act to amend the act respecting the construction of the church of the parish of *Ste. Catherine de Montréal*

[Assented to, the 3rd of April, 1925]

WHEREAS the parish priest and churchwardens of the *Œuvre et Fabrique* of the parish of *Ste. Catherine de Montréal* and the trustees elected for the said parish have, by their petition, represented: Preamble.

That, by the act 13 George V, chapter 118, assented to the 29th of December, 1922, the Legislature of this Province:

Incorporated the parish priest of the parish of *Ste. Catherine de Montréal* and the trustees elected by the said parish under the name of "*Syndics de la paroisse de Ste Catherine de Montréal*";

Provided for the replacing of such trustees;

Authorized them to erect and complete upon the base-ment at present built a church which shall not cost more than the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars;

Determined that the work was to be begun after the first of May, 1924;

Authorized the trustees to borrow a sum not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars, repayable in twenty years;

Authorized the levying upon the immoveables of the Roman Catholic freeholders of the parish an annual apportionment during twenty years from the 1st of July in each year, from the 1st of July, 1922;

Provided that the act of apportionment was to be based

upon the municipal valuation roll and be subject to homologation by the trustees;

Determined, that for the years 1922-23, 1923-24, 1924-25, 1925-26, the amount to be raised was to be at thirty cents per hundred dollars, and for the following years to be fixed by the trustees as required, but not to exceed twenty cents per hundred dollars of the value indicated in the valuation roll;

Made the assessment the first privileged debt on the immoveable;

Allowed the trustees to appoint and pay a secretary;

Provided for the deposit of the monies collected in a bank; and for the recovery by suit of the sums entered in the act of apportionment;

Authorized the trustees to hypothecate the immoveables of the parish to guarantee the repayment of the loan; provided for the insurance of the religious buildings; granted to the trustees the powers necessary for the accomplishment of the object of the said act;

Provided for the convening of meetings of the trustees by the parish priest, fixed the quorum at such meetings, the manner of deciding questions and accorded a casting vote to the parish priest;

Confirmed the rights, powers and privileges conferred upon trustees by the general law;

Eliminated the provisions of section third of chapter first of title ninth of the Revised Statutes, 1909;

Authorized the *fabrique* to make over the sums necessary to complete the church to the extent of one hundred thousand dollars and the parish priest and churchwardens to borrow up to the amount of such sum;

Confirmed the general borrowing power of the *fabrique*;

That, in accordance with the provisions of the said act, the trustees of the said parish prepared plans and specifications for the erection of the parish church, called for tenders on such plans and specifications and found from the tenders received that the amount they were authorized to disburse was insufficient;

That, on the other hand, all that the *fabrique* is authorized to make over to them under said act cannot exceed one hundred thousand dollars;

That under these conditions the trustees have nothing left to do but to apply to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec to obtain an amendment to the special act 13 George V, chapter 118, to allow them to borrow an additional sum of seventy-five thousand dollars and to levy an apportionment covering also such additional sum not to exceed twenty-five cents per one hundred dollars;

That, in order to lighten the burden of the ratepayers

through the unforeseen increase in the cost of the erection of the parish church, it is expedient to amend the special act aforesaid by extending the term of the apportionment to forty years;

That the trustees are consequently authorized to apply to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at the next session, to have the special act 13 George V, chapter 118, amended by adopting provisions to authorize the trustees to spend an additional seventy-five thousand dollars for the erection of the church and to procure such sum by loan as they may see fit and to extend the period to forty years, during which the trustees may levy a yearly apportionment to meet the debt contracted for the erection of the parish church, including the increase set forth in the resolution passed to that effect, a copy of which is annexed to this petition to form part thereof;

That the trustees have in consequence been authorized to delay the erection of the church until after the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, to wit, until the spring of the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five;

That the prayer of this petition has been approved by the Ordinary of the archdiocese of Montreal, within whose limits the said parish is situated;

Whereas the passing of an act for the purposes aforesaid has been prayed for and it is expedient to grant such prayer;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Section 3 of the act 13 George V, chapter 118, is replaced by the following: 13 Geo. V, c. 118, s. 3, replaced.

“3. The trustees are authorized to erect and complete upon the basement at present built on the land of the *fabrique* of the said parish a church which shall not cost more than the amount of three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, according to the plans and specifications approved by them and the Ordinary of the archdiocese of Montreal.” Construction of the church authorized. Cost.

2. Section 4 of the act 13 George V, chapter 118, is replaced by the following: 13 Geo. V, c. 118, s. 4, replaced.

“4. The trustees are authorized to delay the construction of the church until after the present session of the Legislature.” Trustees authorized to delay construction.

3. Section 5 of the act 13 George V, chapter 118, is replaced by the following: 13 Geo. V, c. 118, s. 5, replaced.

Loans au-
thorized.

5. For the payment of this construction, the trustees may effect one or more loans, the total of which shall not exceed one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, either by issue of bonds or debentures or otherwise, and redeemable in principal and interest within a period not to exceed twenty-five years, with or without annuities. Such loans may be contracted when the trustees deem advisable, either before or after the construction work has begun."

13 Geo. V,
c. 118, s. 6,
replaced.

4. Section 6 of the act 13 George V, chapter 118, is replaced by the following:

Levying of
amount ne-
cessary for
the pay-
ment, etc.

6. The trustees may levy annually, during a period not exceeding twenty-five years, by way of apportionment upon all the immoveables of the parish belonging to Roman Catholics whether residing in the said parish or not, an amount sufficient to provide for the payment of the erection of the said church, as well as for the expense incurred in the passing of this act and the making and collection of the assessment, and to provide for the payment of the interest on the loans, sinking-fund or annuities, as the case may be."

13 Geo. V,
c. 118, s. 9,
replaced.

5. Section 9 of the act 13 George V, chapter 118, is replaced by the following:

Amounts
levied.

9. For the years 1922-1923, 1923-1924, 1924-1925, 1925-1926, 1926-27, 1927-28 and 1928-29, the amount to be raised shall be at the rate of thirty cents per hundred dollars of the value indicated in the municipal valuation roll, and for the following years, up to the expiry of the term for which the allotment is authorized, the rate shall be fixed by the trustees in such manner as to pay the debts remaining due at maturity, but such rate shall not exceed twenty-five cents per hundred dollars of the value indicated in the said roll."

Coming into
force.

6. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.